

April 18, 2002

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW – Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notice – Consolidated Application of EchoStar
Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and
Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control,
CS Docket No. 01-348**

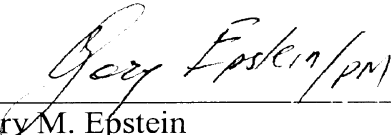
Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, Applicants EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes") submit this letter to advise the Commission that, on April 17, 2002, representatives of EchoStar and Hughes had two telephone conversations with James Bird, Neil Dellar of the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Marcia Glauberman of the Commission's Media Bureau.

In these conversations, the Applicants repeated to the Commission their request for appropriate procedures to govern review of certain zip code and DMA subscriber data by parties in the proceeding. The Applicants specifically repeated their view that the protective order should be revised to include an "outside counsel and experts only" designation. The Applicants also reported that the other procedures proposed in their April 10, 2002 submission in this proceeding were an effort to effectuate the existing "no copying" provision of the Protective Order for electronic information.


One copy of this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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